

Hello happy readers! This week, I want to share with you my love of picture books. Books without words are for ALL ages! It takes a super skilled reader to be able to tell a story without text, and the best thing of all, the experience will be different to every single person who reads it! I have a huge collection of picture books that I'd love to share with you, but here are two of my favourites...

You could look for Miss Crook's recommendations in a library (the one in school or near your home), a book shop or online. If you still can't find what you're looking for, speak to Miss Crook in school and she will do her very best to help you. ©

Upper School Recommendation:

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small things

Mel Tregonning

## Small Things - Mel Tregonning

Suitable for: ages 8 - 18 years

The importance of looking after our mental health and how to best handle worries is something we have all looked at in school. Talking with a trusted adult or friend is the best possible start to improving mental well-being – a problem shared is a problem halved! This moving picture book tells the story of a young boy who is feeling alone with his worries. With no words at all, the stunning illustrations depict a journey which all children can relate to.

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Lower School Recommendation:

## <u> Flotsam - David Wiesner</u>

## Suitable for: ages 6 - 12 years

Each of David Wiesner's books tell a story about an ordinary object or experience turning into the wild and extraordinary. People say it was the pictures he would stare at on the wallpaper of his bedroom that eventually inspired him to go on to write and illustrate award winning picture books. Flotsam

follows a science minded boy as he goes to the beach to collect and examine items washed up on the shore. When a barnacle encrusted underwater camera comes to his attention, it reveals incredible secrets of familiar underwater creatures and uncovers mysteries which need solving! This book can be enjoyed over and over again. Can you spot a new hidden detail each time?